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Mr. Gilbert D. Rye
National Security Council
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Mr. Rye:

Reference your memorandum of 28 July 1982, subject: Requirement for SPOT Data.

The purpose of the proposed Corps of Engineers/Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is, "to establish an exchange of information between United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) for the evaluation of the application of SPOT imagery to water resources management. This MOA covers assessment of possible use of SPOT data by USACE, but not operational use of that data." This evaluation effort does not negate our use of United States civil land satellites or generate demands on a foreign system. It will merely allow the USACE to determine the usefulness and cost-effectiveness of the SPOT data and will permit an assessment of the unique characteristics of that data. An evaluation such as this is prerequisite to responding to the question "Have you an interest in SPOT data."

We have and will continue to explore and use all United States sources of land and water resource information. However, unless a Federal policy precluding the use of foreign sources is promulgated, I believe it appropriate to assess these foreign sources in advance of actual need.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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